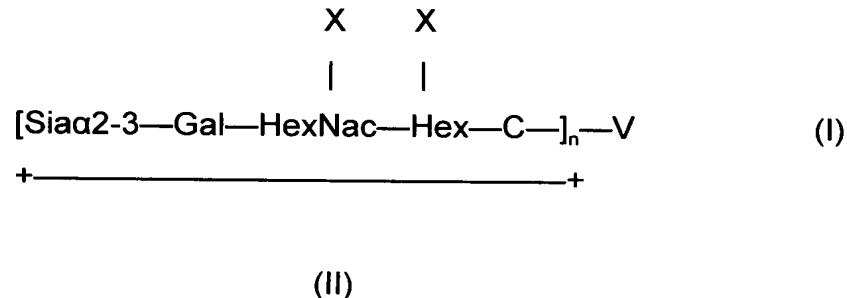


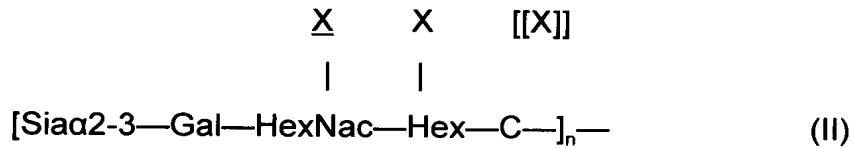
ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Described is the use of sialic carbohydrates having formula I having at least one carbohydrate unit of the following formula II:



wherein

V represents OH, a carbohydrate residue or a connecting point on a carrier T, with the proviso that if V represents OH, n represents 1, and, if V represents a carbohydrate residue or a carrier T, n means the number of the carbohydrate units that are each directly bound to this carbohydrate residue or carrier and which are of the formula II



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